



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes

Town Council Committee of the Whole

Mayor Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Greg Grim, Rich Moravsik, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING - REVISED

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Flax called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Flax, Councilor Barber, Councilor Grim, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Moravsik
Members Absent: Councilor Antipas and Councilor Watson

Also present were Town Manager John Burt and Assistant to the Town Manager Nicki Bresnyan.

3. **Calendar and Communications**

Councilor Barber noted that she attended the picnic for the Groton Food Bank volunteers, the airport open house, and the Charter Revision Commission public hearing. Councilor Nault attended the same events. Councilor Moravsik attended a SEAT board meeting and Groton Sail Committee meeting. Councilor Morton attended a Fitch reunion at Par Four. She noted the new carpeting has been installed. The owners of Par Four asked when the Town would be addressing the outside ramp.

Councilor Watson arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Flax, Councilor Barber, Councilor Grim, Councilor Morton, Councilor Nault, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Watson and Councilor Moravsik
Members Absent: Councilor Antipas

4. **Approval of Minutes**

2017-0200 Approval of Minutes (Committee of the Whole)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council Committee of the Whole meeting of August 8, 2017 are hereby accepted and approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Morton, seconded by Councilor Nault, to adopt.

The motion carried unanimously

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

2017-0006 Labor Negotiations (2017 Standing Referral)

A motion was made by Mayor Flax, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that the members of the Town Council Committee of the Whole along with Town Manager John Burt, Human Resources Director Bob Zagami, Deputy Police Chief Paul Gately, and Town Attorney Eileen Duggan go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining with one or more bargaining units. This action is taken without prejudice to the Council's right to discuss these matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(2).

The motion carried unanimously

Discussed

The executive session ended at 6:21 p.m.

2017-0172**Adoption of Ordinance to Designate the Planning Commission the Planning and Zoning Commission and to Abolish the Zoning Commission****Recommended for a Resolution**

Director of Planning and Zoning Jon Reiner and Assistant Director Deb Jones were present. Mr. Reiner reported on items that are pending before the current Planning and Zoning Commissions. It will take about 18 months to finish the Zoning Regulation rewrite, hence his recommendation that the ordinance become effective July 1, 2019. Mr. Reiner explained the project timeline and discussion followed on establishing an earlier effective date.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, to adopt the ordinance designating the Planning Commission as the Planning and Zoning Commission and abolish the Zoning Commission effective January 1, 2019.

Mayor Flax noted that he has spoken with all Planning Commissions except Barbara Tarbox and most are willing to stay. Discussion followed on potential effective dates for the ordinance and impact on work programs. Mayor Flax noted that the Planning Commission does not want to undertake the Zoning Regulations rewrite so some members may resign.

The motion carried unanimously

2017-0201**Senior Center Consignment Shop Operations Agreement****Discussed**

Town Manager John Burt noted issues with increased regulations and impact on staff associated with running the consignment shop at the Senior Center. The Parks and Recreation put a bid out of operating the shop and received one response from The Arc of New London County. There will be no cost to the Town. The agreement has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Moravsik, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried unanimously

7. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Town Council Referral List

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Flax noted that he will be meeting tomorrow with the Superintendent and Town Manager regarding the budget.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Barber, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.